

POTENTIAL WEALTH OF ISLAND FORESTS

Estimate of the Stupendous Value of Lumbering Tributary to Victoria--Forecast of Future.

A three-foot sidewalk encircling the earth at the equator could be constructed with the lumber cut in British Columbia mills last year. On it, in imagination, one can see an army of 30,000 men, each carrying a long hundredweight of coal and coke. Moving the province's coal and coke production of mineral fuel during the same period. And they would be but four feet apart along the whole distance of 25,000 miles. Not only this, enough lumber would be left to build a good two-roomed house each ten miles of the distance where the packmen, wearied with their heavy burden, could recline at ease. No rain or snow need stop the procession, it could easily be protected from the elements by British Columbia shingles, all made during 1905.

Figures cannot adequately convey the immensity of the lumber production of the province so the above illustrations are used to impress upon the mind what has actually been done. It would be futile to similarly picture the possibilities of the future. A record of figures will, however, be interesting. The total cut of lumber in British Columbia during 1905 was 472,713,984 linear feet, of which 400,000,000 was cut outside the railway belt. This was an increase of 125,681,196 feet over the production of 1904, approximately 40 per cent. The rate of growth has been greatly accelerated since the beginning of the present year, and it may safely be predicted that 750,000,000 feet will be well within the mark when the totals for 1906 are figured up. Of coming years to speculate.

There is no limit other than the market to what the province will produce. But the Times and its readers are more particularly interested in Victoria and vicinity than other parts of British Columbia. This subject alone is enough to absorb at one reading. Within the confines of the district mentioned there are ten lumber mills, of which six are in operation at their greatest capacity. The details are as follows:

	Feet	Per Day.
Victoria Lumber & Mfg. Co. (Chemainus)	230,000	
J. A. Sayward mill	40,000	
Shawinigan Lake Lumber Co.	30,000	
Taylor mill	15,000	
J. Leigh & Sons	15,000	
Lemon, Gonnason & Co.	10,000	
Total	420,000	

In addition to these there are several firms cutting quite a large amount of lumber such as Moore & Whittington and Weiler Bros. The four mills not at present in operation are M. M. Boyd, Cowichan (60,000); Toronto and B. C. Lumber Co., Sidney (15,000); Columbia Mill, Victoria, (10,000), and Ucluelet Merchantile Co. (6,000). Mention must also be made of the new mill, now practically completed, being built by the Sutton Lumber & Trading Co. at Mosquito Harbor, near Clayquot. This will be the largest shingle mill in the world, besides having a heavy lumber-cutting capacity.

Forty per cent. of the lumber exported over seas during 1905, or 20,392,072 feet, went from the mills of the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Company, at Chemainus, in 15 vessels bound for Australia, England, South Africa, West coast of South America and Antofagasta. These mills also shipped a large amount to Manitoba and the Northwest, approximately 5,000,000 feet. This will be largely increased during 1906. During the first three months of the present year five cargoes were dispatched from Chemainus, carrying 7,664,000 feet. Should that rate be maintained, and it will probably be increased, the total for 1906 will reach nearly 31,000,000 feet.

As to the product of the local mills a Comparative Table

is given, from official sources, showing the number of feet upon which the timber tax was paid during the periods mentioned. In common with other provincial statistics they run from 1903-4 to 1904-5.

1903-4. 1904-5.
Sayward mill..... 71,000 8,844,848
Victoria Lumber & Mfg. Co. 29,276,112 25,358,569
Taylor mill..... 124,389 2,844,707
Jas. Leigh & Sons..... 105,145 2,025,765
Lemon, Gonnason & Co. 80,140 850,869
Total..... 420,000 45,564,712

The local production of the last half of 1904 was much greater than that of the first half, so it may be estimated that there was about 50,000,000 feet cut by mills within the city during 1905. Adding this to the Chemainus product the total exceeds 50,000,000 feet. Even were this sold at the lowest price of \$10 per thousand the forests of the Island were worth \$1,000,000 to the city last year. As the increase for the first quarter obtained at Chemainus has been fully equalled by the mills within the city, 1906 should swell the coffers of Victoria from the lumber industry alone to a sum exceeding \$8,000,000.

These figures, more than anything else, tend to show the potentialities of lumbering on Vancouver Island, and what it means to Victoria. No attempt has been made to include any of the

MISSIONARY'S DEATH.

Dr. Labaree Died on Steamer Returning Home to Undergo Treatment For Cancer.

(Associated Press)

New York, May 19.—The Presbyterian board of foreign missions learned yesterday of the death aboard the steamer Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, on Monday last, of Rev. Dr. Benjamin Labaree.

Dr. Labaree was one of the denomination's oldest missionaries, and he had done a remarkable work among some of the half civilized people of Persia. His death was caused by cancer, from which he had suffered for some time. Dr. Labaree was on his way home for treatment. The message told of his death and was received by wireless at Halifax, and came overland to New York. The ship is expected to arrive at her pier Sunday morning.

Dr. Labaree was accompanied by his second son Robert, who went out to Persia a year or two ago to take the place of his older brother, Rev. Benjamin Woods Labaree, who while on an errand of mercy was murdered by Turkish brigands in a lonely mountain pass near Urumia, Persia, two years ago.

Enormous sum of \$400,000,000.

And not only this; as the areas are logged off an almost similar amount will be expended in labor and material.

These figures are large enough, but when the whole province is taken into consideration they become still greater.

They reach such proportions that the mind is lost in a maze of numerals. The Dominion statistician, a conservative authority, states that in British Columbia there is an area of forest and woodland aggregating 285,554 square miles, the acreage being as given above. Of this there has only been about 2,500 square miles taken up, the balance being still vested in the crown. There are about 120 saw mills in the province with a combined daily capacity in the vicinity of 2,500,000 feet. If run at full speed all the year round they could only cut 750,000,000 feet per annum. At that rate it would take over 1,200 years working night and day to clear away the timber at this moment awaiting the attack of the woodman's axe. Incidentally, by the way, it may be stated the value of this timber on the stump is \$9,137,728,000, merely a nest egg of \$45,700 for every man, woman, and child in the province, to-day. This sum might be hard to collect, but if rather under than over estimates the potential wealth of the forests of British Columbia.

Mention is made elsewhere in this issue of the interesting experiments made by Sir Henri Joly in the acclimation of hard wood. He has proved they will grow, and grow rapidly. If the provincial or Dominion authorities take the matter in hand there is no limit to the dimensions the lumber trade of the province can assume. But there is regarding this

Great Exhibition of Wealth

the usual fly in the ointment. It can be no better described than in the words of Col. Emerson at a recent forestry congress. Speaking of Pacific coast forests he said:

"As if fearful of taking too much of the forest to the mill the timber fellers vie with each other to place their chopping boards higher and many a stump, sixteen to twenty feet in height, marks the success of their efforts."

The aggregate of this waste reached over 60 per cent. of the forest and left the ground covered with tops, broken timber and brush, many feet in thickness. To this, when dry, fire was set. The first killed all timber left standing, burned the young trees and the hemlock seed the ground. Later a few years after the first fire a second, even a third, went over the ground and the hemlocks were no more; only tops and trunks and a desolate waste were left; then the ferns and blackberry vines, as if to hide the shame, spread over all their mantle of verdure.

The premier wound up his remarks by saying he believed it would not be many years before the desired change was brought about.

This reference to years met with hissing from the members of the delegation, who left the foreign office evidently greatly dissatisfied.

The arrival of the delegation at the foreign office was preceded by a street demonstration, women from various localities marching with banners flying and bands playing to the Victoria embankment, whence accompanied by an interested crowd of onlookers the women marched to the foreign of-

ice.

Something should be done in this connection. Quebec has led the way, with a wise law regarding reforestation logged over lands. When the importance of the lumber industry, as outlined above, is taken into consideration the necessity for action becomes even more apparent.

The market is rapidly expanding.

Through the recent prohibition of exporting logs it must assume still larger dimensions. Victoria and the Island will get their share of this great increase. Already lumbermen, from the other side are invading the province.

Committed to build their mills here, a large amount of money is circulated that would otherwise be spent on Puget Sound. Taking it all in all the forests of fir, spruce, pine and cedar are one of the most valuable assets of British Columbia.

WILLIE HOPPE DEFEATED.

New York, May 19.—Louis Cure beat

Willie Hoppe last night at the conclusion

of the special 3,600 point match at

182 bark line, finishing the series with

a total of 6,000 points to 3,567 for Hoppe.

ZION'S WATCH TOWER.

(Associated Press)

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ENGLISH "PUBLIC SCHOOLS."

The people of this city have been told in dogmatic terms that there can never be a university in Victoria, and that even if "practical politics" did not preclude the establishment of such an institution, the University of Vancouver Island, it is not a university we need in British Columbia to round off and complete our educational system, but public schools such as they have in England. Of course there is not one person in ten thousand in British Columbia, or in any other portion of Canada, who is impressed with or convinced by any such proposition. Such a proposition simply produces hilarity. But as the subject has been brought into the realm of public discussion, may we be permitted to call attention to an article which appears in the May number of the National Review on the practical value of the courses of instruction given in one of the great Public Schools of England—an article written by one who writes from the fullness of knowledge and experience? Mr. Reginald Lucas says:

"The keeper has turned poacher: Saul also is among the prophets. Mr. Arthur Benson, after several years of experience as an Eton master, has been confessing in print some startling opinions on the subject of Public School education. Mr. Benson's views are worth having. Time goes fast, and it is a quarter of a century ago that we were at Eton together; nevertheless he belongs to the younger generation, and bears no burden of venerable scruples; on the other hand, he can claim the instinct of scholarship; he has practical knowledge of the Eton system; most important of all, he is a man of the world.

"In the controversy over the merits of a classical education it is the teachers who do all the talking; it never seems to occur to anybody that those whom their labors are intended to benefit have a right to be heard. While the doctors are engaged in their consultation the suffering patient is forbidden to speak of the symptoms.

"If what I have to say should give offence to some whom my catechism bids me to approach with submission, and my inclination prompts me to regard with affection and respect, let it be pleaded in excuse that it is the system itself which is impugned, not those who are called upon to administer the system.

"To begin at the beginning, let us be clear as to the subject of education. It is to get something out; to cultivate as the soil is cultivated; to produce the best that the soil is capable of producing; that which can be produced to the best use and advantage. Education is surely running on wrong lines when its only result can be to bring forth grapes on thorns, and figs on thistles.

"Eton was a period of abounding happiness. Proficiency at cricket was a guarantee of success; it was the standard of excellence, the real business of life; and nobody encouraged me to think otherwise. Apart from an enviable position in the school, this kind of pre-eminence wins attention from the men and the women of the larger world without, who are constant visitors to the playing-fields. It naturally followed that we boys acquired a sufficiently good conceit of ourselves, and had a priggish appreciation of our place amongst mankind. Of course we talked of ourselves and took it for granted that every one was interested in our affairs; so they were, perhaps, for truly there was little else in us to interest other people.

"The above are the views of a practical man of affairs, of a successful politician and business man. Mr. Lucas, in the concluding portions of his article, pleads for a reformation of the great public schools in order that their graduates may become a real force in the affairs of the nation.

WHAT IT MEANS.

The people of Canada do not care a button what the opinions of Mr. James J. Hill with respect to their country may have been; they are interested in what Mr. Hill's views are; and they are especially interested in what Mr. Hill proposes to do to justify his faith in the future of the Dominion. When a man comes here, no matter where he hails from and without regard to his connections or antecedents, and purposes expending thirty millions of dollars, we shall accept his proposition as a substantial evidence of good faith. If the Great Northern Railway Company invests such a huge sum of money as thirty millions of dollars in Canada, it is safe to earn interest on the money, and it cannot earn dividends unless it creates the trade and business upon which the dividends shall be earned.

That seems to be a sufficiently plain proposition. We shall leave to the imagination of the public the task of estimating the value to us of the industrial activity that must follow as a result of the construction of the Great Northern Railway from the Pacific Coast to Winnipeg.

It may be contended, as it has been argued in the past, that Mr. Hill's designs are to rob us to carry off our wealth for the enrichment of our neighbors. That plus has lost its force, if it ever had any. If the Great Northern is to be a permanent work and is to continue to earn dividends on the capi-

table man of the world, I knew nearly nothing. Of mathematics we had been taught as much as we needed; we could do the simple sums and calculations which are required in daily life; but we had been given no chance of learning French. An occasional hour could teach us nothing beyond a few words and the crudest forms of construction. We read the Greek Testament and were required to prepare a sheet of derivations of the verbs; but of serious and systematic study of the Bible and its history there was never a pretence. Shakespeare, which one would assume was a necessary part of every educated Englishman's equipment, was relegated to the history books, with no explanation, and to end in a sterile examination without comment. English authors, from Bacon to Herbert Spencer, were of course entire strangers, and so little was our taste in fiction trained that an old Etonian was lately heard to inquire whether Charles Kingsley was not an artist; and another boy who went to Oxford to matriculate confessed that he was completely baffled by a "taste" paper which contained such desperate posers as the demand for some account of The Antiquary, with the name of its author. It will be said that all these things a boy should learn for himself; the answer is that the ordinary boy will not. A boy's natural inclination is not to sit down and read, but to be up and doing. During the "half" he devotes all his leisure to games and to the companionship of his friends; during the holiday he rejoices in his sense of liberty and the attractions and excitement of life. No little inducement is required to make him read; nothing but most judicious and tactful handling will accustom him to think. It is the holiday time of existence, and what menial and intellectual training he is to get must be administered in undigested shape as work.

There are two obvious apologies for the classical system; the most cogent of these is the prospect of the university, where radical and practical reform is hardly to be expected. So long as a university degree is considered a valuable asset, so long must utility be made subservient to tradition. And there are of course individuals for whom the degree is fitting and even essential. The future schoolmaster must have it, because, argues in a vicious circle, he has to prepare others to obtain it. Familiarity with dead languages is a doubtful advantage to the parish priest, but it is a proper accomplishment for a bishop. It is of course essential to any one who deems it right to pursue knowledge and erudition for their own sake; for the savant and the archaeologist. And it is necessary for the civil servant, seeing that a nice taste in Greek iambics and mastery of the subtleties of Virgil are regarded as the best possible criterion of fitness to regulate the finances of the treasury, to administer a policy in the Colonial Office, or carry out the regulations of the Board of Trade. But outside the professions in which learning has an admitted place, it would not be easy to point out conspicuous marks of a classical influence on the lives of public men and men of action. If Parliament be taken as a test, it may safely be asserted that those who have recently acquitted themselves best and won the greatest measure of credit and renown are not those who can boast of distinguished university careers. After attending Parliamentary debates for twenty years I can truly assert that I cannot recollect more than one or two classical quotations or allusions, and can perceive no vestige of classical influence upon thought or speech.

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LAST SESSION OF
THE CONFERENCEIT CONCLUDED ABOUT
ONE THIS MORNING

Mainland Delegates Had Little Time in
Which to Reach Vancouver
Steamer.

The final session of the annual conference of the Methodist church was held last night. It was after 10 o'clock before the delegates could assemble. Business had been held back all day waiting a report from the ministerial meeting and stationing committee. Unusual problems confronted these latter bodies this year, on account of special cases to be dealt with. A great many of the delegates to the conference found it impossible to remain for the closing meeting, notwithstanding the fact that keen interest is always taken in the work of the closing sessions. Inasmuch as the final draft of stations is then read and the chairman and secretary of the districts are elected. These latter officers are most important officials in the conference during the year, and there is lively competition for these positions of authority. Several changes occurred this year. Rev. S. J. Thompson, president of the conference, becomes chairman of the Victoria district, and Rev. W. E. Peacock is the new chairman of the Vancouver district. No change was made in the New Westminster chairmanship, but Rev. W. H. Barracough was made financial secretary. In Kamloops district the position of chairman, held last year by Rev. J. A. Wood, who is now appointed to Saanich, is to be filled by Rev. S. S. Osterhout. In West Kootenay, Rev. J. D. D. Knox continues to hold the office, while in East Kootenay, Rev. J. P. Westman, formerly of this city, is the newly appointed official. After the election the conference special committee was appointed, composed of the chairmen of districts, the secretary of conference and five laymen.

It was about 1 o'clock when the conference closed, leaving the delegates for the Mainland little time to reach the steamer for Vancouver.

On the whole the conference was looked upon as a very eventful one, and if its many memorials to the general conference are granted it will have important effects upon the future of the Methodist church of British Columbia in several respects.

During the afternoon numerous votes of thanks were passed to the local church for the entertainment of members of the conference, to the ladies, who had provided refreshments and several luncheons, to the choir for excellent music, and to the local press for furnishing daily reports.

Rev. S. J. Thompson has won golden opinions as a presiding officer, and enters upon his year's duties with the heartiest good wishes of all his brethren and friends.

A. WALTER,
Salt Spring Island, May 18th, 1906.

MILK INSPECTION.

To the Editor.—Is it safe to the milk vendors of this city to withhold the name of the only one who advertises his milk, thereby leading all the customers to suspect their particular milkman?

DAVIES & BUTTERY.

PROVOST IN SOUTHERN FOREST.

Every doctor in this town tried his best to relieve Mrs. J. Withom of asthma; she none succeeded. "For years," she states, "I was a dreadful sufferer; nothing gave relief. At time I found it necessary to have all the doors and windows open to get my breath. When in despair I heard of 'Catarhenozone.' I used it and now am perfectly cured." This proves beyond doubt that any case of asthma is curable with Catarhenozone. No remedy is pleasant, none so absolutely certain to a thorough cure; try "Catarhenozone" yourself; it's guaranteed.

The Deputy Attorney-General leaves tonight for Kamloops to represent the crown at the assizes that commence there on Monday. It is probable if the preliminary hearing has been concluded, the reported train robbers will be prosecuted at this session.

It will be some weeks yet before all the traps have been planted and ready for the salmon run. The one at Clover Point will be among the first finished. It is now in an advanced stage of construction, and will be catching fish

at its guaranteed time.

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The funeral of George Kenny took place yesterday afternoon, the pall-bearers being C. E. Redfern, W. McKeon, H. McCulloch, Joe Carey, Arch. Cameron and A. Graham. Services were conducted at St. John's church by Revs. J. Connell and A. J. S. Ard. The body being afterwards interred at Ross Bay cemetery. The members of the B. C. Pioneer Society attended in a body.

The injuries sustained by James Ritchie in the Grand Forks smelter, reported in last evening's Times, have proved fatal. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, No. 9 Cornwall street, of this city, parents of the unfortunate man, left for Grand Forks via Seattle last night. The deceased was a former Victorian. He was educated in Victoria and spent most of his life here. He went to Grand Forks about three or four years ago, and has resided there in the employ of the smelter ever since. He leaves a widow and three small children for whom widespread sympathy is felt.

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The choir of St. John's church will sing at evensong Sunday one of the latest musical compositions of G. Jennings Burnett, the organist, entitled, "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." The anthem contains a bass solo to the words, "But God hath revealed them unto us by His spirit."

The horses attached to a heavy truck belonging to J. Heaney made things lively on Waddington Alley for a short time yesterday afternoon. They broke away from the E. & N. depot when an engine commenced to blow off steam, and were stopped when turning the corner at the alley, the whipplets striking the curb and overthrowing one of the horses.

There was a very good attendance last night at the musical recital given by Rubin Goldmark, on the famous Wagnerian drama, "Parafal." St. John's schoolroom had been beautifully decorated by the Ladies' Musical Club, under whose auspices the talented lecturer visited Victoria, and many encomiums were given at the conclusion to the lecturer.

There are many people in Victoria who do not need money. Probably 30 have not yet applied for the dividend recently declared by B. S. Heisterman, trustee of the Green-Worlock estate, many of them being well known in this city. The cheques left range in value from \$1 to \$200, and await the owners at the trustee's office on Government street.

The latest bulletin to be issued by the provincial bureau of information is a "Handbook of British Columbia," that came off the press late last night. It is a well illustrated pamphlet of some 30 pages and contains chapters dealing with all the principal industries and attractions of the province. Distribution will be largely made through the office of the Agent-General in London.

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II TROUNCE AVENUE LEE & FRASER VICTORIA B. C.

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(Evidence of Dr. Chas. J. Fagan, Secretary
Provincial Board of Health.)

The jury returned the following verdict at the adjourned inquest on the infant May Duval, who died in Victoria, B. C. on Jan. 16th, a Steedman's Soothing Powder being the last medicine given:

THAT THE CHILD, MAY DUVAL, DIED FROM NATURAL CAUSES, AND FROM THE EVIDENCE GIVEN THERE IS NOTHING TO INDICATE THAT THE CHILD'S DEATH WAS CAUSED BY THE USE OF STEEDMAN'S SOOTHING POWDERS.

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Sworn testimony was submitted by the manufacturer's counsel, Mr. Rogers, as to the great care exercised to ensure perfect division in the preparation of the powders which have been manufactured for eighty years.

In the police court this morning a female frequenter of the tenderloin was fined \$50 for vagrancy.

There can be no question that next week is celebration time. The balloon man is on the streets already.

Steamer Venture arrived in Vancouver at noon to-day. She will reach Victoria this evening, and on Monday evening will sail again for Northern British Columbia ports.

The Arctic exploration expedition has not yet departed. The schooner is still at her berth at Porter's wharf in the upper harbor, where she will probably remain for another day or two.

The members of Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 1425, will meet at the A. O. U. W. hall at 2:30 p. m. on Sunday to join with the Sons of England in their church parade to Christ Church cathedral.

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Rev. J. F. Vichert, formerly pastor of Calvary Baptist church here, has received a unanimous call to the First Baptist church at Fort Wayne, Ind. Since leaving Victoria he has been taking an advanced course in theology at Chicago University and attained a high position as a pulpit orator. He was offered two college professorships in the interval, but has decided to take up active pastoral work in preference. He will enter upon his new duties about September 1st. Fort Wayne is the capital of Allen county and a city with some 40,000 population.

AT THE VICTORIA

Lee Morris Stock Company Concludes
Engagement To-Night—Pollards
Return on Monday.

Lee Morris and his stock company last night gave an enjoyable performance of the well known English farce comedy, "Turned Up." The tribulations of the Medway family with its quartette of parents black and white, seadog and undertaker were well brought out and the audience was in shouts of laughter practically all the time. Several of the orchestral selections were loudly applauded.

The company terminates its engagement to-day with a matinee of "Turned Up" and an evening performance of Sidney Grundy's society drama, "A Fool's Paradise."

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The past week has been marked by the most important event in the military history of Canada, namely, the departure of practically the last of the Imperial troops and the actual control and defence of Canadian fortresses by Canadians. At the present time the Dominion is independent of the Mother Country in respect to the maintenance of its garrison stations. That is a fact of which every colonial should be proud. It will have the effect of binding closer the British Empire, and not of loosening the ties that as some have been heard to predict. But this latest development, it is safe to say, is only the inauguration of the federal government's policy in regard to its contribution towards the national protection. There seems every reason to believe that it will be followed in the not very distant future by an announcement of the extension of material assistance in maintaining and augmenting the British navy.

In Victoria, the departure of the Imperial forces was marked with mingled sentiments of regret and pleasure, which were well expressed in the address presented by His Worship Mayor Morley on behalf of the citizens at a public gathering held in the drill hall last week. The loss of officers and men who had lived here for years, had participated in the same social pastimes, in the same athletic exercises, and had associated and become firm friends of civilians in every sphere of life, was generally deplored. But, while entertaining such a feeling, the national pride embodied in every worthy character could not but give rise to a spirit of elation when the historic importance of the occasion was remembered.

The public gathering, the smoking concert held under the auspices of the Fifth Regiment in honor of the British soldiers, and the crowd which thronged the C. P. R. wharf as the steamer Charmer steamed slowly out of the harbor on Thursday morning, was a sufficient index to the respect and esteem in which the Imperial "Tommy Atkins" is held by Victorians. No opportunity was spared to give "the boys," as they are familiarly termed, some idea of the regret felt over the loss of their pleasant companionship. The scene will linger long in the memory of those who saw and participated in the "send off" accorded the troops at the C. P. R. wharf. Although Mayor Morley and the civic officials were there in their official capacity, the affair was of a most informal character. The railing of the vessel was lined with stalwart, khaki-clad soldiers. Some were engaged in bidding a fond farewell, or perhaps it would be more proper to say "adieu" to blushing damsels, and others in saying a reluctant "good-bye" to the boon friends and comrades of their colonial careers. Then followed the interchange of selections by the bands of the local militia and the departing corps, and, finally, the majestic tones of the National Anthem, the opening bars of which brought every soldier to the salute, while every civilian loyalty clung to his hat.

That event, however, is past history and must be left to the recorder's pen to describe for the benefit of future generations. Victorians are now, doubtless, concerning themselves with conjectures as to the next course of things at Work Point: The announcement that "Capt. Mississauga" will take command must be received with satisfaction by all who have the honor of that officer's acquaintances and a knowledge of his military ability. There is a small garrison at the present time, consisting principally of men formerly members of the R. G. A. and R. E. forces, but now connected with the Canadian standing army. When the expected reinforcements arrive, the corps will be sufficiently strong to insure the proper protection of Esquimalt fortresses. With

any change, especially one of the magnitude of that which has just taken place, there must be some slight deviation from the regular routine, in other words, some little confusion. Even military precision cannot avoid that. But it is assured that within a few months things will have assumed their ordinary aspect and the garrison will be organized just as efficiently as that which has been in charge for the past decade.

In military circles the action of the Victoria Day celebration committee in altering the usual program to the extent of dispensing with the attendance of the Sixth Regiment on that occasion has been severely criticized. In fact, Lieut.-Col. Hall, in command of the Fifth Regiment, is authoritatively reported to have submitted his resignation as a member of that body as a result of the decision. In his letter he is reported to have stated that he could not countenance such disloyalty as the diverting of the funds submitted for the carnival mentioned from the expense account necessary to bring the Mainland militia here to one for payment of an American firm, Hitt Bros., of Seattle, to give a pyrotechnic display at Beacon Hill on the evening of the 20th of May. It would be useless, and could only result in stirring up unnecessary controversy, to attempt to deal with the pros and cons of the case. But it might be well to present some of the facts as outlined by responsible members of the Victoria Day executive. In the first place, they affirm that the finance would not stand the drain necessary to bring the militia here—an expenditure of \$750 or thereabouts. Secondly, they claim that the charge of "disloyalty" does not hold water, because Hitt Bros. are essentially a Victoria firm and one that subscribed no less than \$50 towards the funds collected for the festivities. It is regrettable that any such misunderstanding should have arisen, and it is to be hoped that all differences of opinion will be lost sight of in the general endeavor to make the forthcoming celebrations an unqualified success.

Sporting News

ATHLETICS.

THE Y. M. C. A. MEET.
The indications are that the Y. M. C. A. field meet to be held on the 26th is going to be the biggest affair of its kind ever held in Victoria. The entries have been coming in not only from the local aspirants, but also from several outside towns. There will be two teams from Vancouver, one from the Y. M. C. A. and the other from the Rugby Football Club, under the management of O. Callaghan. There will be a large local entry in all of the track events. A large number of Victoria athletes have been training for the past month, and from reports good time will be made in the different competitions. There are also a number of contestants for honors in the shot put and hammer throw. Several new men are developing, and are expected to make a good showing. The prizes for the different events will be on exhibition in Fletcher's music store about the first of the week. Attention is again drawn to the fact that entries close to-night.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

MEETING TO-DAY.
At New Westminster this afternoon the annual meeting of the British Columbia Football Association is in progress. Delegates are in attendance from the Vancouver Island and Mainland Leagues. Last evening President Bolton, J. G. Brown and F. M. White of this city, left to participate in the proceedings. One of the most important questions for consideration is the advisability of placing the minor organizations under the jurisdiction of the provincial association. The Island representatives have been instructed to oppose the proposal, while, it is understood, the Mainland delegates will lend it their support. There are also a number of suggested amendments to the constitution to be discussed.

POOL.

CLARENCE TOURNEY.

The bottle pool tournament being organized at the Clarence hotel promises to be keenly contested. A number of entries have already been received. They will be divided into three classes. The drawing will take place in the course of a few days, after which time will be lost in opening the tournament.

LACROSSE.

ANNUAL MEETING.
This evening at Vancouver the annual meeting of the British Columbia Intermediate Lacrosse Association will be held, when business of importance will come up for consideration. Rev. W. W. Bolton will represent Victoria and intends entering a team on behalf of the local club.

FOR MINTO CUP.

A challenge has been received by the Montreal Shamrocks, who hold the Minto cup, from the Souris team, which won the Manitoba championship last season. The games will be played on July 2nd and 4th, and the western twelve leaves for the east on the 27th of June.

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The latest innovation by the medical profession (according to the London correspondent of the Liverpool Courier) is the practical application of the "crackling machine," the gramophone, to wit, for scientific purposes. In a London hospital a boy was treated for a defective palate which prevented proper articulation. The eminent surgeon who saw him had an artificial palate constructed for the patient. The progressive attempts of the youngster to attain clear articulation were recorded on the cylinders of a gramophone, and the artificial palate adjusted accordingly.



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FOR San Francisco

LEAVE VICTORIA 7:30 P.M.

WHERE CONFECTIONERY, BISCUITS AND BREAD IS MADE

It has often been said that Victoria's industries are scattered, that if they were concentrated within the business section of the city the appearance of the place to the visitor would be far more impressive. This subject is often referred to when a comparison of the two cities, Victoria and Vancouver is mentioned. In the terminal city-manufactures are at once evident, but not so in Victoria, for here they extend from the outer wharf to Esquimalt and from Victoria West to the east and north of the city, and no conception of what they really are can be derived except by a tour of the city.

Taken first into the candy department, the reporter was introduced to the superintendent, a clever young confectioner who, it was learned, worked for Barry, a big manufacturer of

girls, there did not appear to be one in the whole factory who was experimenting with the delicate flavoring of any they were handling. This must not, however, be taken as a reflection on the quality of the goods produced, for it is said there are none more pure or delicious. The truth is that the girls through constant working with chocolates and other such varieties become tired of their taste and could at any time pass confectionery windows without a pang of appetite.

It is interesting to be shown how very carefully certain kinds of candy have to be handled, especially the marshmallow. In process of making one kind is placed in a room where it must remain for a given time absolutely freed of all disturbance. Even a jar to the building during this stage would, it was explained, turn all to sugar. To prevent such a contingency however the floor of this room has been made perfectly solid, having been laid on the top of an all-stone foundation.

The sugar for the marshmallow is heated in a barrel into a kind of paste. In this consistency it is run onto



INTERIOR VIEWS OF M. R. SMITH & CO.'S FACTORY.

1. Cream Room. 2. Starch Room. 3. Chocolate Dipping Room. 4. Bon Bon-Dipping Room and Penny Goods Department. 5. Chocolate Dipping Room. 6. Chocolate Dipping Room. 7. Packing Room.

to a certain consistency and then put into a cream beating machine in which it cooks and is beaten at the same time. It is then put into a large galvanized iron tank and afterwards into melting kettle. Later it is run into starch moulds. The white substance is then taken on a tray to the chocolate room, where they are coated. It is here and in the warehouse where the chocolates in their finished form are packed into fancy boxes for the market that the girls are to be seen. They are seated around large tables where they are engaged in dipping the white candy substance in the soft chocolate mixture spread before them. In this work the poorer chocolates are handled by the experienced and the high grade by the most expert. All are under the foreman's training, and in time become very adept. The employment is not hard but requires for all a great deal of skill. A chocolate dipper can always command a good wage if he or she are proficient.

Rock candy requires a great deal of care and attention in manufacture. Syrup is boiled in a steam kettle to a certain degree, the temperature being regulated by a steam gauge. It is then poured into cans divided by strings and set into a hot room until it congeals. Great care is exercised in handling from the first until the finishing touches are applied.

These in brief are some of the processes of candy making. There is nothing of a poisonous nature used in connection with the making of any thing. The essences are all vegetable, of English make and guaranteed to be pure. The green, supposed by many to be injurious, is made from spinach and is no more harmful than any of the other colorings used.

Some of the machinery that is to be seen in connection with the establishment represents the most modern seen in the business. For instance, the old-fashioned stone cooling table has become quite out of date. The firm has still a few of these, but they have also several Columbian steel coolers, the temperature of which, regulated by water, can always be kept the same.

On the other hand, stone heats after use a few times and is inferior for general work in consequence. The company has also the latest butter cup machine.

A noticeable feature about the work done in this department is that all the employees wear gloves, and, while it might be considered that this is for the purpose of cleanliness, it is not at all because of this, for gloves are required as well to prevent spoilage of the candy, which would otherwise result from the temperature of the hand. The description and variety of the candy made is bewildering.

But important as may be the candy department of this big concern, the biscuit section is also interesting. Most of the work done here is turned out by machinery. There are, of course, the attendants, but the dough from the time it leaves the big mixer until it is converted into biscuits and packed in boxes by girls two or three doors beyond is hardly touched by hand. It is first put through big rollers which flatten it out to the thickness of pancakes. Then it passes through cutters which slice it into biscuit size, and finally it is lifted from a conveyor to the oven. When baked the biscuits run by a constantly moving elevator into the packing room, where girls standing on either side of a long table take turns about in unloading. The biscuits are then packed into boxes and are ready for the market. To the housewife the oven would be subject of some curiosity. On the exterior it looks nothing more than a hole in the brick wall, probably a foot and a half wide by seven long. Within is arranged a fan-shaped fixture. This revolves and on every leaf there is placed the biscuit for baking. In this way the baking process is continuous.

The biscuits as fast as they can be drawn from the oven by means of an ordinary garden rake are replaced by those yet in dough. It requires but one revolution to brown them sufficiently. They are then hauled from the oven into a trough and from this are elevated in the manner described. There are many different kinds of biscuit and cakes; some the very finest produced.

The ginger snaps particularly are a source of congratulation to the firm, for there is no other snap in the market that has a more delicious taste. Their Swiss cream sodas is another very fine line of which the firm make a specialty. The girls in this department have comfortable quarters. They have a room to themselves in which to eat lunch, and the company provides them with all the hot water they require for the making of tea or coffee.

Down in the basement of the institution, where the bread is made, there is comparatively not the same rush evidenced. The removal of the navy from Esquimalt has limited to a very considerable extent the product of this department. Up to this time the quantity of bread sent to Esquimalt every day was very large. But while deprived of this trade there is still considerable turned out of the establishment. The facilities for making it are among the best anywhere to be seen. There is one among the three ovens in use capable of baking about 600 loaves at a time. This oven holds the record for size in the province, and it is hoped that soon the time will come when it will be run to its capacity.

Some conception of the extent of the

business of M. R. Smith & Company may also be given when it is stated that to the rear of the factory there are stables for the accommodation of twelve horses, all of which are on the road every day. The plant is worked by steam, and there is a good sized boiler and engine in connection. All the flour and cooking materials are of the very best, for it is said that even if the company were disposed they could not use inferior goods and hope to maintain or increase their business in the strong competition of the present day. The quality of M. R. Smith & Company's biscuits and confections has gained an enviable reputation. The



Our Spring Derby

Shows a perfection of style that is bound to be taking with all particular dressers. There is a distinction about it that gives it a character and grace which is seldom seen in any hat. This, combined with its light weight, excessive durability and Cameron usual low prices, is bound to place it in the front rank of popularity. \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 each.

W. G. Cameron,
55 JOHNSON STREET

Open Letter No. 3.

We have had a word or two with the knocker who uses Eastern stationery. This time it's round with the maker.

A decision has been handed down to Copland-Chatterton where a Toronto stationer is enjoined from manufacturing their Perpetual Ledger Binders and Sheets. Much is made by this firm in the circular of their patent rights, the persistence of the trade in circulating false statements as to the effect of the judgment and the uneasiness they experience in escaping further contests.

If this firm would be honest in the matter and drop all infamies, the trade would let them alone. We request a denial to the following statement: The right of Copland-Chatterton or any other of the numerous Automatic Binders to their patents on Ledger Binders or File Cases is unquestioned. To sell the same and dictate the method of refilling is beyond the competence of any court. This question has been thrashed out in the United States and cannot afford an emergence upon Commercial Stationery can exist under patent right.

This has prevented the formation of a close corporation and the subsequent tying up of Commercial Stationery. We say here that no form, printed or ruled of Copland-Chatterton, or any other maker, can be protected. Canadian Copyright law is defective, may absent upon this very one point. All the huckabag in Counter Blanks, Sales Blanks, Delivery or Shipping Receipts, is dishonest, hence the antagonism of the trade. We will duplicate any form made in Canada and protect the firm procuring the same. We will fit them to the Binders you have on hand, or will supply you with those of our own make. Our prices are identical with what you are paying the Eastern fellow, and you should not claim to be public spirited or a member of the Booster Club until the Toronto imprint disappears from your office stationery.

POISONED BY A RAZOR.
Don't trim your corns with a razor, use a purely vegetable remedy like Putnam's Corn Extractor. No pain, certain cure and all for a quarter. Every dealer sells Putnam's.

RETURNS TO DAWSON.

Henry Macauley Tells of New Strike on Big Gold Creek.

Henry Macauley, who returned to Dawson a few weeks ago from Big Gold creek, says that some ten or a dozen claims were staked at the time he was there, and were being actively prospected. He saw some of the dust that was taken out, and undoubtedly it was a promising strike. It was a beach proposition entirely, so far as he knew.

He says there is a good deal of water on the Yukon, which makes travel difficult, and there is much more on the Forty-Mile. Brown creek, for instance, 20 miles from the mouth of Forty-Mile, the stream is running bank full.

The blasting of the canyon, he said, had been pronounced a great success by all the boat pushers of the district. The boiler of the big dredge has got into Forty-Mile and the freighter, Mr. Wilson, was getting along very well with the transportation of the machinery. They were already freighting the machinery over the ice, but the big boiler would be required for water navigation, and now that the canyon had been cleared he did not see that there would be any further trouble.

THE GOOD WORK STILL GOES ON

\$15,000.00
On business property, also sums ranging from \$500.00 and upwards.

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At the meeting held in Vancouver on Thursday to organize a British Columbia Press Association, a provisional constitution was adopted. Seven officers were appointed, to hold office till a general meeting could be arranged, as follows: President, A. G. Garrison, Colonial, Victoria; vice-president, F. J. Deane, News; Nelson; vice-president, W. B. Wilcox, Pioneer, Phoenix; treasurer, C. F. Coton, News-Advertiser, Vancouver; secretary, J. D. Taylor, Columbian, New Westminster; executive, Morris, John Nelson, Times, Victoria; F. Burd, Province, Vancouver; L. D. Taylor, World, Vancouver; D. V. Mott, Ledge, Fernie.

"I was troubled with Dyspepsia and pains in the stomach," writes Mrs. B. B. Rombough, of Cockburn Island, Ont. "Everything I ate seemed to disagree with me and made my life a misery. But at last I tried Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets and they entirely cured me."

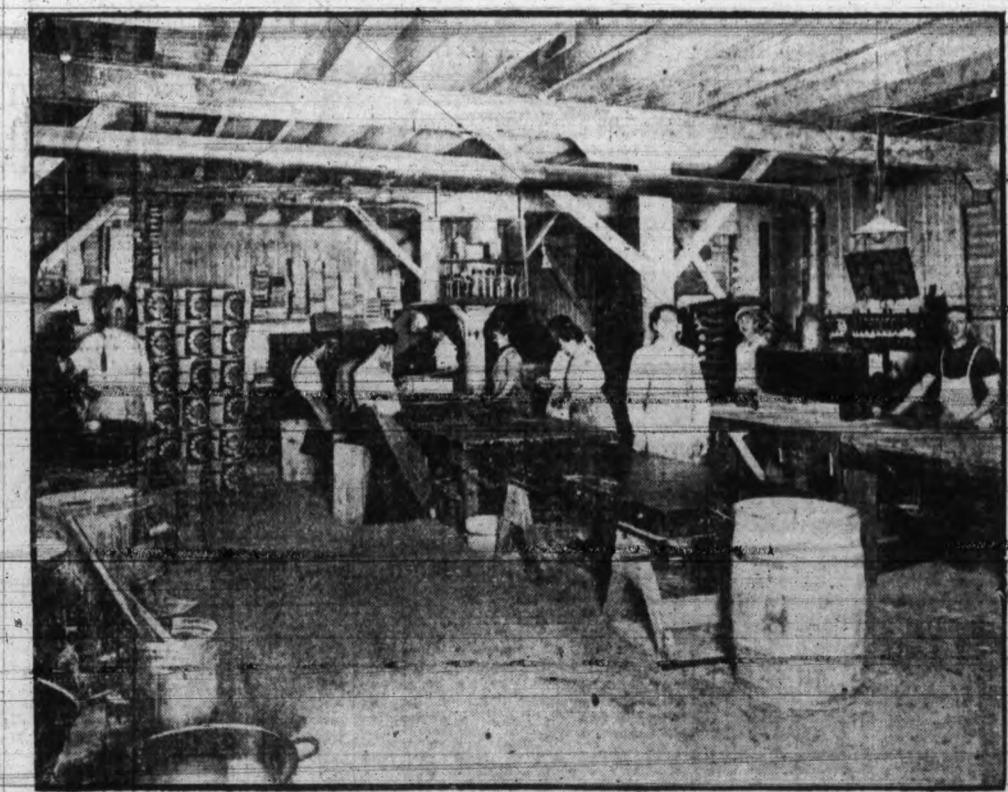
Canaries were not yellow originally, but in their wild state were green or grey in color.

At the First Presbyterian church to-morrow, "Hospital Sunday," extra music will be rendered by the choir during the morning service.



BISCUIT ROOM OF M. R. SMITH & CO.

1. Mixing Room. 2. Main Room. 3. Packing Room.



HARD CANDY DEPARTMENT, M. R. SMITH & CO.

Even to Victorians some of the city's industries would, if seen, be a revelation and would at once dispel all pessimism about the city's future. A remarkable instance of this is the biscuit and confectionery establishment of M. R. Smith & Company on Niagara street, two or three blocks distant from the outer wharf. This concern gives employment to sixty hands at present, and would, if the labor was available, engage as many as eighty.

Much expert help is required in the working of the factory, a great deal being that of girls. At present the establishment is running short-handed so far as the girl help is concerned, and more girls are being advertised for.

The business of the factory is continuously expanding. Trade connections have been established with all important points throughout the province and the Northwest Territories. Several agents are continually on the road; one confines his attention to Vancouver Island exclusively; one represents Victoria city, and the other places on the mainland and the Northwest Territories. The growth of trade has been such that the company find it now necessary to enlarge their plant and in the near future an annex is to be built in the rear 40 by 50 feet. The plant will be enlarged correspondingly and more modern buildings will be installed. This will be in keeping with the march of events in Victoria, so noticeable in recent months, and if the company is supported it should the institution will be made second to none on the Pacific Coast.

M. R. Smith & Company recently removed their wholesale office to Yates street, where they might the more conveniently look after their outside trade. The firm has also taken into partnership F. Appleton, a gentleman who was identified with the business of E. P. Rutherford & Company of this city, and who has always been recognized as a business man of energy and enterprise. His views in relation to honesty and straightforwardness in dealing that should augur well for his new connection.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Appleton a Times man was a few days ago shown through the factory on Niagara street. Needless to say the interior of the building was a surprise. Only in a



have left at the same time but on account of the illness of their baby they are remaining here for a while.

Miss Mattle John, of the nursing staff of the Vancouver General hospital, is visiting her parents, Pandora avenue.

While here Madam Albant took occasion to call on Mrs. David Spencer at "Lan Dderwen."

Miss Annie Boyd has been the guest of Mrs. Dixi Ross recently at Hillside avenue. Miss Boyd's home is in Vancouver, but after her visit here she went to Hazelton to visit a brother there.

Miss Flossie and Miss B. Grant, who are here visiting their friend Miss Lawson at Simcoe street, were very enjoyably entertained on Sunday of last week, when Mr. H. D. Helmcken took them and some other friends for a delightful drive to Saanich. On the way they made a halt, and at a beautiful spot on the roadside, picnicked from a bountiful basket, with which they were provided. Later in the day they dined at the Sidney hotel, after which the drive home in the evening was most enjoyable.

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The most interesting event in the social world of Victoria during the week was the announcement of the engagement of Mr. Elliott and Miss Daisy Langley, the eldest daughter of Mrs. Walter Langley, of Pendermound road. Mr. Elliott is a clerk in the Bank of Montreal, and has not been in Victoria very long. Both the happy young people are busy receiving the congratulations of their friends. Mr. Elliott's father is dean of Windsor, and an aunt a Duchess of Leeds.

Miss Daisy Davie is staying with the Misses Irving, Menzies street.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Spalding after a short stay in town have returned to South Pender island.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Watt were in the city yesterday. There has been no much illness this spring at William Head that they have been in very seldom lately.

Mr. Pomfrey Garnett is at Salt Spring island.

Miss Alice Bell and Miss Norah Combe have returned from Seattle, where they were staying with friends.

Miss Mabel Tatlow left on Monday for Vancouver, and from there she was going on a trip into the Nicola country with a party being taken up by Mr. H. J. Cambie.

Miss Ethel Davie, who has been nursing in San Francisco, is back in Victoria and is staying with her sister, Mrs. A. E. McPhillips, Rockland avenue.

The Misses Dupont entertained at a charming young ladies' luncheon party on Wednesday, which was given in honor of their guest, Miss Simpson, who left on Friday for Duluth.

Mr. Fleet Robertson was hostess on Wednesday when she entertained at the ten o'clock at her home, Rockland avenue, a number of ladies in honor of her friend, Mrs. Hamfield, who left on Friday for Duluth.

Mr. and Mrs. C. K. McGill are back from a week's stay at Shawnigan lake.

Major and Mrs. Audat are expected either to-day or to-morrow.

Mr. Arthur Stanford, of Pender island, is back from a trip to England. Accompanying him back was Master B. Irving, son of Mr. Justice Irving; he has been at school.

Mrs. Crow Baker has issued invitations for the afternoon of the 24th of May.

On account of the rain this week it has been impossible to open the Belcher street tennis courts, but it is likely they will be opened some day next week with a garden party.

The golf championships have been going on during the week and the long evenings enable the players to play off their matches after 5 o'clock, and then supper is served in the club house. The uncertainties of the game were demonstrated in the match between Mrs. Langley and Miss V. Pooley; last year Miss Pooley won a couple of big matches from Mrs. Langley, but yesterday Mrs. Langley had her revenge. In the men's events Mr. B. G. Goward has proved a dark horse and by winning out in his half is entitled to play the winner in the other half for the championship.

Last night a most enjoyable small dance was given by Miss Raymond of 60 Belleville street to a number of her young hockey friends. The music was supplied by Miss. Tamm, and about midnight a dainty supper was served. Amongst the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Shakespeare, Mrs. Luney, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Bone, Miss Austin, Miss Muriel Nicholles, Miss Goodacre, Miss Mattle John, Miss Fell, Miss Mackay, Miss Maud Atkinson, Miss Buckett, Miss E. Nigh, Miss Roberts, Miss Maud Bone, Miss Heaney, Mr. Leslie Bell, Mr. H. Austin, Mr. Arthur Harvey, Mr. W. York, Mr. H. G. Lawson, Mr. P. Austin, Mr. N. Hardie, Mr. J. Kiddie, Mr. G. Yale Simpson, Mr. Fred White, Mr. R. Angus, Mr. B. Bell, Mr. J. Lawson, Mr. Frank White and Mr. J. Mackay.

Mr. Leslie Bell, of the Bank of Montreal, staff in Vancouver, is in town.

Mrs. Bunbury and Miss Bunbury, who have been staying at the Belcher, left on Thursday with Captain Bunbury and the soldiers for England. The Hon. F. G. and Mrs. Hood would

Another Wonderful Co. e.

Here is Something That Will Be Welcome News to Many a Discouraged One.

"For several years I have been troubled with gas around my heart, shortness of breath, in fact, if I walked my usual gait my breath would get so short I would be compelled to make several stops during William H. Reed, my walk.

"Of late my food did not digest properly. It turned sour in my stomach, causing me great distress; often, too, I had disagreeable attacks of belching gas and heartburn.

"I was bothered with severe pains across the small of my back and the least bending or turning would cause me to almost cry out.

"I was induced to try Dr. Leonard's Anti-Pill and from the very first found relief.

"I have had no trouble since, no recurrence of my former complaints, so I am bound to say Anti-Pill is indeed cured me."

This is the voluntary statement of Wm. Reed, 165 Queen St., Kingston, Ont. All Druggists sell Anti-Pill. The Wilson's Co., Limited, Niagara Falls, Ont.

The remedy that cured such an extreme case is surely worth trying.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thos. S. Gore are moving to their new house at Oak Bay. The house is beautifully situated on a height overlooking the bay, and with its large grounds is one of the choice places in the suburb. Mrs. Gore's daughter, Miss Arbuckle, will live there also.

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Captain and Mrs. W. H. Langley will shortly remove to their own house on Port street. It is to be renovated before they move in.

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Mr. (Dr.) Foot has been in Duncans for some time visiting amongst her old friends there.

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On Wednesday evening Mrs. A. S. Innes entertained at a small bridge party at her home, Dallas road.

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Last Saturday Miss Gertie McFarland entertained a number of young lady friends at her home, Sylvia street. A book guessing contest formed the amusement.

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Mrs. Bert Creech and daughter, Dorothy, of Vancouver, are the guests of Mrs. M. Lester, Port street.

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Mrs. Millard, of Weltham, England, with her daughter, Miss Ethis Millard, A. R. C. M., and a resident of the Alexandra House, Kensington Gore, London, intend spending the summer in Victoria as the guests of her daughter, Mrs. Howard Chapman, Menzies street.

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LADY GAY.

THE SECRET OF HEALTH

IS RICH, RED BLOOD—DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS MAKE NEW BLOOD.

Good blood—rich, red blood—is the only cure for such complaints as anæmia, decline, heart palpitation, skin eruptions, rheumatism, kidney trouble and a host of other every day ailments. Good blood makes you less liable to disease of every kind, because it strengthens and stimulates every organ in the body to throw off any ailment that may attack it. Good blood is the secret of life, and the secret of good, rich, red blood is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. These little blood-building pills have saved lives that doctors and nurses have despised of. They have cured thousands of others—they will cure you, too. Mrs. Wm. Booth, Montreal, Ont., says: "For a couple of years my daughter Meta was in failing health. She complained of headaches and distressing weakness, and seemed to be rapidly going into decline. We consulted several doctors, but they did not help her. She was apparently bloodless, and we were afraid she would not recover. She had no appetite and was greatly reduced in flesh. At this stage a friend advised me to give her Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and in a few weeks we noticed some improvement in her condition, and that her appetite was improving. We continued the treatment for a couple of months longer, and by that time she was again in the best of health. She had gained thirty-two pounds in weight, had a good color, and was in the best of spirits. I do not think I am putting it too strongly when I say I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved her life."

Mrs. David Spencer was hostess at a charming reception last Saturday when she entertained many members of the Methodist conference and their wives, besides many other local friends. "Lan Dderwen" is an ideal place in which to entertain, and the spacious rooms there were made very beautiful with many fine flowers, spires and boughs being most noticeable in the drawing rooms and sweet smelling stocks and ferns in the refreshment rooms. Mrs. Spencer was assisted in receiving her guests by Mrs. Chris. Spencer, and also by her daughter, Miss Charlotte Spencer. Mrs. Spencer wore a pretty black gown of thin material trimmed with spangles. Mrs. Chris. Spencer, a pretty light muslin, with lace, and Miss Charlotte a dainty cream costume. Miss Agnes and Miss Mary Spencer looked after the serving of refreshments. They were assisted by Miss Carrole, Mrs. Boulton, Miss Hackett, Miss Goodacre, Miss Bone, Miss Watkins, Miss Teague and Miss Elford, all of whom wore pretty dainty costumes. Many of the guests took advantage of the fine tennis grounds to enjoy a game, as well as to indulge in other sports. While there a number were photographed. Altogether several hundred were thus enjoyably entertained on Saturday.

Mrs. Stuart Robertson was hostess at a card party last evening.

Mrs. John Irving, of Menzies street, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Genevieve, went to Tacoma last week. She will visit friends there for several weeks.

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Miss McKenzie, who was one of the sufferers from the recent earthquake disaster at California, has arrived in Victoria, and is staying with her cousin, Miss W. D. Deroche, Victoria West.

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Mr. Harry Lucas went to Vancouver for a holiday last week.

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On Tuesday morning the Ladies' Auxiliary meeting at the Drillard parlor, mention of which has already ap-

peared in these columns, after organ-

CITY CHURCHES

CHURCH OF OUR LORD.

Services 11 and 7. Sermons by Rev. Thos. W. Gladstone. Morning, "The Church's Duty to the Sick"; evening, "Why the Records of Our Lord's Life Are Not Fuller." Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at evening service. Rector's Bible class, 2.6. Sunday school, 2. Thursday next being Ascension day there will be services at 10 a.m. with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and an address by Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge. The music follows:

Morning.

Organ—Prelude H. Smart

Venite and Psalms—As Set Cathedral Psalter

Te Deum—XI Mercer

Jubilate—IV Mercer

Hymn 331

Kyrie—V Mercer

Hymns 330, 332, A. & M. 335

Organ—Alia Marcia T. Adams

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Organ—Prelude Schubert

Opening Hymn 267

Psalms—As Set Cathedral Psalter

Magnificat Turner

Nunc Dimittis Turner

Hymn 227, A. & M. 332, 331 and 336

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

Services: Holy communion, 8.30, in

morning service and ante-communion, 11

a.m.; evening service, 7 p.m. Preachers:

Morning, the Bishop of the diocese; evening, Canon Beeston. The music follows:

Morning.

Voluntary Mauder

Venite Dr. Ayrton

Psalms for 20th Morning Cathedral Psalter

Te Deum Mauder

Benedictus Elver

Antiphon—Another Temple Waits Thee Mauder

Kyrie Mauder

Gloria Mauder

Hymns 338 and 335

Voluntary Mauder

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Evening.

Voluntary Mauder

Proclamatory Hymn 231

Psalms for 20th Evening Cathedral Psalter

Magnificat Mauder

Nunc Dimittis Mauder

Antiphon—At Even Ere the Sun Was Set Turner

Treble Solo—Master Leary; Tenor Solo, A. T. Goward

Hymns 338 and 337

Vesper Hymn—Jesus, We Pray Thee Armitage

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HOW MART EGAN AND COLLEAGUE TRAPPED A BAND OF SMUGGLERS

Tale of Clever Capture of Officials Who Were Engaged in Smuggling Between Victoria and Seattle.

A recent issue of the Vancouver Province contains a most interesting special dispatch from Tacoma giving hitherto unpublished story of how DeLacy, a Tacoma, Ledger man, and Martin Egan, then city editor of the Victoria Times, trapped and broke up a gang of officials who were making a big fortune out of smuggling on the steamer Haytien Republic, since named the Portland. The dispatch says:

On the rocky, desolate shores in Tongas Narrows, off Spruce Island, nine miles from Ketchikan, Alaska, the battered hulk of an old wooden steamer is being pounded to pieces by the wash of the surf. The wreckage is that of the steamer Portland, which ran ashore in the fog on the night of December 20th, 1905.

Although few persons in Tacoma are aware of the fact this steamer is one of the players a prominent part in a most interesting portion of the early history of the coast, and a principal actor in one of the greatest smuggling operations ever carried on in any country or any time.

She was built at Bath, Me., in 1885 and launched under the name of the Haytien Republic. She is a craft of 968 tons register, and has the following dimensions: Length, 191.5 feet; beam, 36.1 feet; depth, 20.2 feet. For several years she plied up and down the Atlantic seaboard, and during that time had a most interesting history which, however, is in the words of Kipling, "another story." She was then either purchased or chartered by what was then known as the Merchants' Steamship Company of Portland, Or., and placed in the coastwise trade between San Francisco and Tacoma, making frequent calls also at Portland.

While engaged in this trade she was secretly carrying on one of the greatest smuggling operations ever engineered in the United States or any other country—and this under the protection of a ring composed of some customs officers, a special agent of the government, and some of the shipping companies of the Northwest. The ring was one of the most thoroughly organized and cleverly operated of any that ever disgraced a government.

Conditions Became Apparent to All.

Finally, however, conditions became so bad that they were apparent to all observing persons, and in spite of the power of the organization that was carrying on the traffic in opium and Chinamen, the entire system was utterly broken up, the system confiscated and sold, and several men sent to the penitentiary, while others fled to China and other foreign countries.

The work of detection was chiefly performed by Stephen W. De Lacy, then a member of the staff of the Tacoma Ledger, now a customs official of Tacoma.

With the exception of very few persons who were at that time on the "inside" no one knew the inner history and motives of the prosecution of the smugglers. This is probably the first time the story has ever appeared in full. But to commence at the beginning.

William H. Calkins was in the year 1892 a candidate for the United States senate. He was a warm friend of Nelson A. Bennett, who was then the owner of the Ledger. Mr. Bennett had taken a great deal of interest in the election and had made a tour of the state in the interest of his friend's campaign. At Port Townsend he had helped elect three men to the legislature with the understanding that they should lend their support to Mr. Calkins when the time came for the election of a United States senator.

Recalls Some Political History.

When the time came for the election of a senator, these three men went back on their pledges and voted for Mr. Calkins' opponent, Watson C. Squire, of Seattle, with the result that he was elected by a majority of two votes.

At that time there was a duty of \$12 per pound on opium, and of course, a successful smuggler could make a fabulous sum by importing the drug if he could escape paying the duty. The business of running Chinamen over the line paid no less handsomely, as between \$100 and \$150 could be realized from each Chinaman successfully got into the country.

Within a very short time after the appointment of two of Squire's men to the customs office rumors became prevalent of smuggling operations. It

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became common talk that every train out of Tacoma bound for Portland carried from ten to a hundred pounds of "dope," and that Chinamen by the hundred were unlawfully coming into the country mainly by way of Portland.

Went to Vancouver.

Mr. De Lacy had just returned from Olympia, where he had been reporting the "McGraw session" of the legislature for the Ledger. He had made a great success and Mr. Bennett decided that he was just the man for another important undertaking, that of investigating conditions in the customs service of the Puget Sound district.

De Lacy agreed to the plan and started at once. It was given out in the office that he had severed his connection with the paper and his cheques were paid him by the bank instead of by the treasurer of the paper.

No one employed on the Ledger, with the exception of Mr. Bennett and Mr. Snowdon, knew of the mission.

A well known man was then a special agent of the treasury department of the Sound, and was assisted by Inspector J. H. Coblenz. All matters of a confidential nature were intrusted to these two men, and if smuggling was being carried on they should know it if any one should.

De Lacy was acquainted with both of these men, and made up his mind to keep his eye on them while carrying on his investigations. He went at once to British Columbia and spent a solid month travelling between Victoria, Vancouver, Mission, and New Westminster before he secured anything that in the slightest resembled a clew.

Obtains His First Clew.

While in Victoria he used to often drop into the office of the leading daily of the city, the Victoria Times, to see a friend, Martin Egan, who by the way is now in the employ of the Associated Press and during the recent Japanese-Coolie War was one of its correspondents with the Japanese army in Manchuria. Egan was at that time city editor of the Times, and was one of the best informed men in the province on current affairs. Mr. De Lacy finally confided to him his mission, and asked his advice as to the best means of procedure. Egan promised to think the matter over and be ready to offer some suggestion when next De Lacy should be in the city.

On the following day De Lacy was surprised to be accosted by Inspector Coblenz, who at once inquired the reason for his being in Victoria.

"I quit the Ledger and am looking for real estate investments," was the reply.

"Oh, come off, Steve, I know better," was Coblenz's rejoinder.

De Lacy Gets Some Tips.

De Lacy protested that his answer had been the truth, but the inspector would not be deceived. They had a long conversation which finally ended in a partial confession, on De Lacy's part, of the object of his mission. He told Coblenz also that he suspected a customs official of being implicated in the business. The other, however, volunteered the information that, in his opinion at least, the official was merely incompetent and not connected with the frauds. To this he added the startling information that he suspected his chief of being mixed up in the deal.

This made Jones positive that De Lacy was what Egan had represented him to be and what he himself strenuously denied being—a secret agent of the Washington Government. He went back to the Ledger man and had another talk with him.

Offers to Turn State's Evidence.

"I do not see why you keep yourself so secluded, but I suppose it is a part of your business. However, I have been in this smuggling deal with the Portland people; I advanced money to them in large sums, and now they are unable to pay me, because of the loss of the steamer Wilmington, which has seriously crippled them, in spite of the vast sum that they have profited from the smuggling operations. I am sick of the whole business, and want to get out of it. I will turn state's evidence on the assurance that I can get my money, or a portion of it, returned."

"But," asked the now thoroughly interested Ledger representative, "have you proofs of what you say—any documents that would convict the men?"

"Lots of them," replied Jones, and at once produced nearly a hundred masses of various kinds. Among the collection were letters, telegrams, receipts, and last, but not least, a copy of a key by which every one of them might be deciphered.

gives Up the Correspondence.

"Are you ready to turn these over to the American Consul?" asked Mr. De Lacy. "We must have the originals." Jones readily agreed to do so, and on a certain day the three met in the office of the American consul and the whole mass of correspondence was given to Mr. Myers. De Lacy took copies of all the papers, and later published many of them in the Ledger, with the key by which they could be translated from the language of legitimate business to the parlance of thieves. Nothing was done for a few days, as the officers had not arrived from Washington, D. C. They reached the city, however, on a day on which the Haytien Republic was in the harbor. It was rumored that she had aboard a quantity of opium, and it was determined to catch her red-handed.

As soon as she left Victoria for Seattle the officers started for the Elliott Bay early by train and beat her in by a few minutes.

"No thank you, I don't care about going to the penitentiary when I return to the States," was the instant reply of the Ledger's correspondent.

"But you will not need to lead him to believe that you are in the employ of Uncle Sam. I will do that," insisted Egan. "Or, if you prefer, lay the matter before Levi H. Myers, the American consul at Victoria, and ask him

vehemently denying the statement. De Lacy came on deck from below, where he had at once gone when coming on board, and laid down at the captain's feet about thirty pounds of opium which he had found in the galley behind some canned goods.

Think Captain Was Innocent.

Struve laughed and admitted that he was wrong. It has always been thought since that he was innocent himself, although it is hard to understand how he could be when his steamer was so thoroughly a smuggler. However, he was never convicted of complicity in the crime. Newspaper readers may remember an account published not many months ago of his capture by the Japanese fleet during the recent war in which he was running the blockade into one of the Russian ports, that was beaguered by the Japanese. So much for him.

The Haytien Republic was confiscated by the government and later sold. Since that time she has been in the Alaska trade and is well known in Tacoma as she often called here for cargo, lately being regularly employed bringing ore from Alaska to the Tacoma smelter. At the time of her purchase from the government, however, her name was changed to Portland, as her new owners, the Alaska Commercial Company, did not want her to be laboring under her old reputation.

Immediately following her capture many arrests were made. Included in the number were James Lotan, collector of customs at Portland and Republican boss of Oregon, and eleven of the men in his office, the secret service man, William Dunbar, president of the company which owned the Haytien Republic; Seid Back, a Chinese merchant of Portland, and also a member of the company, and many others from Washington and Oregon. William Dunbar, one of the other chief conspirators, got a tip of what was coming off on the day the steamer was seized. He packed his grip, came to Tacoma, then went to Victoria, and escaped to China in a liner that was leaving that day. He is still alive, and a citizen of Shanghai or Hongkong.

Nearly all those arrested were convicted and sent to the penitentiary and given large fines. There is little doubt that it was the biggest shakeup that ever took place in the customs service of this country. Jones expressed a desire to see a special Washington government officer who was in the city. Jones

admitted to the man willing to talk and during the conversation told him that he knew of a special Washington government officer who was in the city. Jones

expressed a desire to see a special agent, and after a short of hesitation, Egan told him that the man usually frequented a certain restaurant. He further offered to introduce Jones to the official if opportunity presented itself. Jones bit and bid hard. That night the three "accidentally" met and Egan introduced the two men and then made himself scarce.

Whether or not the customs official was guilty was never ascertained, as Coblenz had given him a quiet tip when he first learned of De Lacy's plans. If he had been engaged in wrongdoing he had it all cleverly covered up before the end came.

Coblenz Later Commits Suicide.

After Coblenz had resisted many temptations of grafting in the customs service by which he could have made thousands of dollars merely by being inactive it is a strange fact that he later fell a victim to a very petty graft. He was appointed warden of the state penitentiary at Walla Walla shortly after the trial of the men he had helped convict of smuggling. Before his term of office was completed, he committed suicide because, as was later ascertained, his books showed a few slight discrepancies.

The customs special agent received a sentence of one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$5,000. This was the penalty that the greater part of his comrades also had to pay.

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LAST DAY OF THE ANNUAL DOG SHOW

PHILHARMONIC HALL
WILL CLOSE TO-NIGHT

Complete List of Special Prize Winners
Exhibition Has Proved Gratifying
Success.

The annual dog show of the Victoria Kennel Club will come to a conclusion. It has been in progress at the Philharmonic hall, Fort street, since Wednesday, and has been attended by large numbers of local fanciers. As stated in these columns yesterday, Judge Payne, of San Francisco, completed his labors on Thursday, and the visitors yesterday were able to find the kennels of the winners by simply glancing at the catalogues furnished them. For the benefit of those who have not yet taken advantage of the opportunity to inspect the high class dogs on exhibition arrangements have been made to keep them in their places until about 10 o'clock to-night.

A meeting of the local advisory board was held yesterday, at which it was expected that the controversy between German Consul Wulffson and Andrew Fairfull, in respect to the Islander and setter awards, would come up for consideration. But this was a matter entirely outside the jurisdiction of the body, and it was not dealt with. It is understood, however, that the members informally expressed their regret at the attitude assumed by the exhibitors, and in all probability steps will be taken to prevent a fair decision from a competent judge being disputed at any future show held under the auspices of the local association.

Although the entries were not as large as heretofore, the quality of the dogs shown this year is highly satisfactory. This is especially so in the sporting classes. It is doubtful if a better lot of English, Irish and Gordon setters could be found in America than may be seen at the Philharmonic hall at the present time. The same may be said of the pointers. They are exceptionally high class. This fact only goes to show that the exhibition of Victoria go in for the breeding of dogs that may be used in hunting the game with which the forests in the vicinity abound. They do not consider the cultivation of canines for show purposes alone worth while, but in the classes they have taken up care and attention has been exercised in the endeavor to have them correspond to the standards laid down by the authorities as closely as possible.

On the whole the Victoria show for 1906 must be pronounced a success. This gratifying announcement has been made possible owing to the energy and enterprise displayed by Secretary Winsby and the committee of management.

Appended is a complete list of the special prize winners:

English Setters.

Best puppy—T. P. McConnel's cup, Mallard Montez, owner, Chas. Minor, Victoria.

Best limit—Rocklin Young Roy, owner, Miss W. M. Davis, Victoria.

Irish Setters.

Best puppy—Prince William, owner, Geo. Jay.

Gordon Setters.

Best Gordon—J. Wenger's cup, won by Don, owner, Walter Winsby, Victoria.

Best opposite sex—W. Hamilton's medal, won by Heather Neil, owner, S. W. Bodley, New Westminster.

Best movie class—Rex, S. W. Bodley, owner.

Scotch Terriers.

Best—S. Jones, Dominion hotel cup, won by Boy, owner, Wm. Oillard, Tacoma, Wash.

Best opposite sex—Collie Club medal, won by Boyne Fidget, owner Wm. Oillard, Tacoma, Wash.

Black and Tan Terriers.

Best—Tina, owner, Miss Kate McDonald, Victoria.

Boston Terriers.

Best—Tina, owner, Mrs. T. J. Thomas, Commercial hotel, Newfoundland.

Pointers.

Best dog or bitch—Victoria hotel cup, won by Alberta Lass, owner, T. W. Wat, Victoria.

Best opposite sex—Collie Club medal, won by Boyne Fidget, owner Wm. Oillard, Tacoma, Wash.

Black Cocker Spaniels.

V. C. and C. offer a perpetual grand champion cup to the best dog, Messrs. Garscote, Creighton and Goodwin, for best two cocker spaniels owned by one exhibitor and bred in Victoria—Won by Jeannine Promissé and Jeannine Cricket, owned by Mrs. J. W. Creighton.

Parson Cocker Spaniels.

Best in local class—Peggy, Mrs. C. A. Goodwin.

Best in movie class—Baby, owner, C. W. Sharpe's Butchery.

Collies S. and W.

Best collie—Colonist cup, won by Gallant, A. Murphy, Seattle.

Best opposite sex—Balmoral hotel cup, presented by Mrs. White, won by Eversholt, Gericke, owner, E. R. Ricketts, Vancouver.

Collies Tri Color.

Best tri color—J. R. Saunders' silver medal, won by Ghen Tana Monk, owner, E. R. Ricketts, Vancouver.

Bull Terriers.

Best dog or bitch—C. E. Redfern's

cup, won by Fitz, owner, Victoria fire department.

Fox Terriers, Smooth Coat:

Best dog or bitch—R. H. Pooley's cup, won by Covesea Revelly, owner, Geo. Florence, Victoria.

Best opposite sex to winner—Challoner & Mitchell's cup, won by Covesea Revelly, owner, Geo. Florence, Victoria.

Wire Haired Fox Terriers:

Best—Mrs. F. J. Bradley Dyne's cup, won by Sunshine Brightie, owner, F. W. Welsh, Vancouver.

THE BIG GAME OF THE ISLAND

SPORTING CENTRES AT NEARBY RESORTS

K. Gillespie has Taken Over Riverside Inn at Cowichan—Hotel at Sooke Lake.

NELSON NOTES.

The completion of the city power plant, as far as it is within the power of the city authorities, is now in sight. The work is finished to above the level of the generator floor and the concrete work has been completed. The working staff is now greatly reduced, only enough men being retained to complete the superstructure. The completion of the superstructure will not interfere in any way with the installation of the machinery when it arrives. The brought tube has been unloaded and is now lying on this side of the river.

"The importance of Nelson as a railway centre has been signally recognised by the Dominion railway commissioners," says the News. "Montreal, Winnipeg and Nelson have been selected as the headquarters for the new car service inspectors. E. J. Travers, inspector for British Columbia, has opened his office at the Canadian Pacific block. A series of car service rules has been promulgated by the commissioners under the authority of the act creating the board, and the function of the newly appointed inspectors is to enforce those rules. They deal chiefly with the questions of car rental, demurrage, storage, and possible discrimination by companies among different customers."

REV. W. J. STONE IS WITHOUT A STATION

A Case Affecting Character of Missionary
Which Gave Methodist Conference
Considerable Trouble.

The session of the Methodist conference which closed last evening has been a very protracted one. Among other causes which have tended to prolong the sittings has been the necessity for dealing with a complaint preferred against Rev. W. J. Stone, a missionary who has been located at Clayquot. The complaint was made by a brother missionary, and called for a thorough investigation.

In connection with this some reports have appeared upon which Mr. Stone will probably take action for libel.

Mr. Stone was charged with lascivious conduct, with brutal and careless conduct concerning his family, with profane language and with improper methods in connection with his missionary work.

After sitting on the case and taking evidence one of the witnesses before the committee charged with the investigation came to the conclusion that there was not sufficient evidence to convict.

The report of the committee on presentation to the conference was adopted.

When the question of character came up that of Mr. Stone was passed on the strength of the finding of the committee. The missionary, however, was asked to locate by the conference which, according to Methodist usage, meant to retire from active clerical duties.

Mr. Stone did not accept this suggestion, and appearing before the stationing committee requested to be left without a station for a year.

The matter stands in that situation. Mr. Stone being left without a station on the final draft of stations.

From this decision of the conference there lies an appeal that the complainant wishes to file it within 60 days. This appeal would be to the next British Columbia conference. From that there is a further appeal if desired to the court of appeal of the general conference of the church.

Up to the present no appeal has been entered.

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BRIGHTON BEACH (Foul Bay)—40 acres sub-divided; price \$10,000.

COWICHAN STATION—54 acres, with cottage, 30 acres cultivated, 30 acres pasture; also flock 50 sheep; price \$2,500.

COTTAGE AND TWO LOTS—Fronting sea, close to town; price \$2,500.

COWICHAN VALLEY—100-acre farm, over 30 acres cultivated and pasture, 100 fruit trees, 100 fruit bushes, 1 bull, implements, 15 minutes' walk from church, school and post office; a going concern; cheap, \$4,200.

COWICHAN RIVER—150 acres, 15 acres cultivated, 30 acres cleared, 1/2 mile river frontage, 2 miles from Duncan; price \$2,000.

PENDER ISLAND—15 acres bottom land, water frontage, part Section 7; price \$100.

NORTH DAIRY—4 acres, mostly clear, Cedar Hill cross road; price \$750.

COTTAGE—20 acres, at Tyee Station, 7 acres cultivated, 5 pasture; price only \$2,500.

CANADA—Acreage and house, also several cottages.

COTTAGE—Fronting Beacon Hill park, lot in corner; dwelling has chimney, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 15 minutes' walk from church, school and post office; a going concern; cheap.

CLARENCE STREET—Only two of those choice lots left at \$200.

DALLAS ROAD—N. E. corner Boyd and Dallas road; price \$750.

TO LET—Summer cottage, at Foul Bay.

TO LET—N. W. corner of Dallas road and Meekins street; large comfortable house; rent \$250.

FREE—"Home List," which contains list of cheap Vancouver Island farms.

Evil Effects of Cartoons.

The effects of electioneering methods are more far-reaching than those who are unscrupulous enough to indulge in them realize. This is evidenced by the report of the Times' correspondent who has just returned to Pekin after nine months' absence on a provincial tour of investigation. The following passage should have the careful con-



London, April 27.

consideration of the present government and its supporters. The suggestion in the native papers of the anti-slavery South African election charges has had a deplorable effect, while the publication of English cartoons, showing Chinese driven with whips in chains to labor, Englishmen shooting runaway Chinese in sport, and Englishmen making English living in China, can only make Englishmen living in China wonder why retaliation is so infrequent. The Chinaman believing English politicians to be incapable of infamous acts, naturally accepts these wretched representations as a faithful representation of British brutality. Another point which the Times correspondent lays stress on, that great discrimination should be exercised by missionaries in their zeal to make converts. As a rule they do more harm than good.

Motors vs. Strawberries.

Motor cars have many faults ascribed to them; emanating mostly, of course, from non-motorists. The latest is advanced by the fruit grower on behalf of the strawberry. He has found it impossible to grow strawberries within half a mile of any main road because of the dust distributing motor. Very indifferent fruit is yielded by the dust-laden plant as last year's crop proved, but the farmers thought they had solved the problem by shifting their strawberry beds back from the road. However, dust disturbed by motor traffic has a greater travelling power than the farmers accorded to it, and half a mile distance from the road is scarcely enough. In Little England this is a serious margin. Main roads are plentiful in the fruit growing districts, and farm areas are too restricted to allow of a good half mile margin all round. London is therefore preparing itself for a disappointment with regard to its favorite fruit, for the supply is seriously lessened. Farmers meanwhile must join in the general chorus of denunciation that is being raised on all sides against the peace-disturbing motor car, and something may be done to minimize the ill effects of the demerit of the road.

The Vogue.

Weird and wonderful are the adventures that best describe the latest examples of Parisian mirth which are being shown in fashionable shops, and what is more, worn by fashionable women in London. We had thought in our simplicity that the amazing military concoctions donned by our Parisian friends would

A London dispatch says: Army pensioners are emigrating to Canada in large numbers; an advance from six to nine months' pension is granted and all arrangements made in order to assist, even so far as the purchasing of the applicant's passage.

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"AN ENEMY TO THE KING"

BY HAGENBUCH WYMAN.

CHAPTER I.

Two Encounters By Night.

If hitherto I have written with the sword, after the fashion of greater men, and requiring no secretary, I now take up the quill to set forth, correctly, certain incidents which, having been noised about, stand in danger of being inaccurately reported by some imitator of Brantome and De l'Estoile. If all the world is to know of this matter, let it know thereof rightly.

It was early in January, in the year 1578, that I first set out for Paris. My mother had died when I was twelve years old, and my father had followed her a year later. It was his last wish that I, his only child, should remain at the chateau in Anjou, continuing my studies until the end of my twenty first year. He had chosen that I should learn manners as best I could at home, not as page in some great household, or as gentleman in the retinue of some high personage. "A de Launay shall have no master but God and the King," he said. Reverently I had fulfilled his injunctions, holding my young impulses in leash. I passed the time in sword practice with our old steward, Michel, who had followed my father in the wars under Coligny, in hunting in our little patch of woods, reading Latin authors in the flowery garden of the chateau, or in my favorite chamber—that was at the top of the new tower which had been built in the reign of Henri II, to replace the original black tower from which the earliest De Launay of note got the title of Seigneur de la Tournoule. All this while I was holding in curb my impulsive desires. So almost restless are the forces that impel the young heart, that there must have been a hard struggle within me had I had to wait even a thousand years for the evil day, which finally set me free to go where I chose. I rose early on that cold but sunlit January day, made with eagerness to be off and away into the great world that at last lay open to me. Poor old Michel was sad that I decided to go alone. But the only servant whom I would have taken with me was the only one to whom I would entrust the house of my fathers in my absence—old Michel himself. I thought the others too rustic. My few tentes would have made awkward lackeys in peace, sorry soldiers in war.

Michel had my portmanteau fastened on my horse, which had been brought out into the court yard, and then he stood by me while I took my last breakfast in La Tournoule; and, in my haste to be off, I would have eaten little had he not pressed much upon me, reminding me how many leagues I would have to ride before meeting a good inn on the Paris road. He was sad, poor old Michel, at my going, and yet he partook of some of my eagerness. At last I had forced down my unwilling throat food enough to satisfy even old Michel's solicitude. He girded on me the finest of the swords that my father had left, placed over my violet velvet doublet the new cloak I had bought for the occasion, handed me my mace with its showy plumes, and stood aside to let me pass out.

In the pocket of my red breeches was a sword holding enough golden crowns to ease my path for some time to come. I cast one last look around the old hall and, trying to check the rapidity of my breath, and the rising lump in my throat, strode out to the court yard, breathed the fresh air with a new ecstasy, mounted the steaming horse, gave Michel my hand for a moment, and, purposefully avoiding meeting his eyes, spoke a last kind word to the old man. After acknowledging the farewells of the other servants, who stood in line trying to look joyous, I started my horse with a little jerk of the rein, and was borne swiftly through the porte, over the bridge and out into the world. Behind me was the home of my fathers and my childhood; before me was Paris. It was a fine, braiding winter morning, and I was twenty-one. A good horse was under me, a sword was at my side, there was money in my pocket. Will I ever feel again as I did that morning?

Some have stupidly wondered why, being a Huguenot born and bred, I did not, when free to leave La Tournoule, at once to offer my sword to Henri de Navarre, the son and other leader of the party. This easily answered. If I was a Huguenot, I was also a man of twenty-one, and the latter, which more than the former, was the cause of the world. There was the court, there were the adventures to be had, there must one go to see the world of life; there would I meet men and make conquests of women. There awaited me the pleasures of which had known only by report, there the advancement, the triumphs in personal quarrels; and, above all else, the great love affair of my dreams. Who that is a man and twenty-one has not such dreams? The greatest fool, I think, is he who would have gone through life entirely without folly. What then mattered religion to me? Or what mattered the rivalry of parties, except as they might serve my own personal ambitions and desires?

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The gentleman was quiet for a moment and looked very sober. Then he said gravely:

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The gentleman turned very red, and darted at me a glance of anger. Then restraining himself, he answered in a very low tone:

"Monsieur, the subject can be discussed by us in only one way, or not at all. You are young, and it would be too pitiful for you to be out before you have even seen Paris. Doubtless, you are impatient to arrive there. It would be well, then, if you rode on a little faster. It is my intention to proceed at a much slower pace than will be agreeable to you."

And he relined in his horse.

I relined in mine, likewise. I was boiling with wrath at his superior tone, and his consideration for my youth, but I imitated his coolness as well as I could.

"Monsieur," said I, "whether or not I ever see Paris is not a matter to concern you. I cannot allow you to consider my youth. You wish to be obnoxious; then consider that nothing in the world would be a greater favor to me."

The man smiled gently, and replied without passion:

"Then, as we certainly are not going to fight, let my refusal be not on account of your youth, but on account of my necessity of reaching Paris without accident."

His horse stood still. His lackeys also had stopped their horses, which stood pawing and snorting at a respectful distance. It was an awkward moment. I could not stand there trying to persuade a perfectly serene man to fight. So with an abrupt pull of the rein I started my horse, mechanically applied the spur, and galloped off. A few minutes later I was out of sight of this singularly

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a world, inexhaustible, always retaining the charm of the partly unknown. I had high aspirations. No pretty maid, however low in station, was unworthy of a kiss and some flattery; but the real affaire d'amour of my life must have no elements but magnificent ones. She must be some great lady of the court, and our passion must be attended by circumstances of mystery, danger, everything to complicate it and raise it to an epic height. Such was the amour I had determined to find.

"I may meet him in Paris some day," I said to myself, "and find an occasion to right myself in his estimation. He shall not let my youth interfere for me again."

Then I wished that I had learned his name, that I might, on reaching Paris, have found out more about him. Having in his suite no gentlemen, but several lackeys, he was, doubtless, not himself an important personage, but a follower of one. Not wishing to meet him again until circumstances should have changed, I passed the next inn to which I came, guessing that he would stop here. He must have done so, for he did not come up with me that day, or at any time during my stay.

It was at sunset on a clear cold evening that, without further adventure, I rode into Paris through the Porte St. Michel and strolled as I proceeded along the Rue de la Harpe at the crowd of people hurrying in either direction in each of the narrow, crooked streets, each person so absorbed in his own errand, and so used to the throng and the noise, that he paid no heed to the animation that so interested and stirred me. The rays of the setting sun lighted up the towers of the colleges and abbeys at my right, while those at my left stood black against the purple and yellow sky. I rode on and on, not wishing to stop at an inn until I should have seen more of the panorama that charmed me. At last I reached the left bank of the Seine and saw before me the little Isle of the City, the sun-towers of Notre Dame rising above the wilderness of turrets and spires surrounding them. I crossed the Pont St. Michel, stopping for a moment to look westward toward the Tour de Nesle, and then eastward to the Tournoule, thus covering in two glances the river bank of the university through which I had just come. Emerging from the bridge I followed the Rue de la Barillerie across the Isle of the City, finding everywhere the same bustle, the same coming and going of citizens, priests, students and beggars, all alert, yet not to be surprised at any spectacle that might arise before them. Reaching the right arm of the Seine I stopped again, this time on the Pont au Change, and embraced, in a sweeping look from left to right, the river bank of the town, the Paris of the court and the palaces, of the markets and of trade, the Paris in which I hoped to find a splendid future, the Paris into which, after taking this comprehensive view from the towers of the Louvre and the Tour de Bois away leftward, to the Tour de Bille away rightward, I urged my horse with a jubilant heart. It was a quite dark Paris by the time I plunged into it. The Rue St. Denis along which I rode was beginning to be lighted here and there by stray rays from windows. The still narrower streets, that ran like crooked corridors in a great cathedral from the large thoroughfare, seemed to be altogether dark.

"Good night, adorable," he replied, and dropped to the street. The lady immediately closed the window, not even waiting to see how the man had slighted her.

Had she waited to see that she would have seen him, in lurching over to prevent his sword from striking the ground, lose his balance on a detached paving stone, and fall heavily on his right arm.

"Peste," he hissed, as he slowly scrambled to his feet, "I have broken my arm."

With his right arm hanging by his side, and clutching his elbow with his left hand, as if in great pain, he hastened away from the spot, not having noticed me. I followed him.

After a second turn, the street crossed another. In the middle of the open space of the junction, there stood a tree, as could be seen by the moonlight that now came through an interval in the procession of wind-driven clouds.

Just as the man with the hurt arm, who was slender, and had a dandified walk, reached this open space, a gust of wind came into it with him, and there came also, from the other street, a robust gentleman of medium height, holding his head high and walking briskly. Caught by the gust of wind, the gentleman from the second-story window ran precipitately into the other. The robust man was not sent backward an inch. He took the shock of meeting with the firmness of an unyielding wall, so that the slender gentleman rebounded. Each man uttered a brief oath, and grasped his sword, the slender one forgetting the condition of his arm.

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May 13th, the wife of J. H. Graham, of
a daughter.

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Judge W. N. Cole has delivered his
judgment acquitting A. G. Cook on the
charge of assaulting A. G. Pollock, Johnston.

The Presbytery of Westminster met at
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of Rev. W. A. Ferrier. Rev. Mr.
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(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 18.—The Conservatives
on the agricultural committee wanted
T. W. R. Preston's examination stopped,
and reported to the House. The
Liberal members insisted that it go on. R. D.
Monk said he was no match for Preston
and only wanted to get the names
of the company. Duncan Ross presented
a motion that at the close of the
examination of Preston any question
he refused to answer should be reported
to the House to get power to make
him answer. Mr. Monk's motion to refer
the matter to the House was defeated
on a vote of 43 to 39.

PRESTON'S EXAMINATION.

Cobalt, Ont., May 19.—Cobalt, the
silver city of Ontario, experienced its
first disaster yesterday when several
tons of dynamite in the northwestern
part of the town exploded, wrecking 25
houses and throwing citizens into a
panic. A number were more or less injured
by flying debris, but in no case
is the injury of a serious nature. The
explosion was caused by a forest fire
which ignited the building in which
the explosives were stored. The shock
was terrific and a number of houses,
in addition to those destroyed, suffered
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